

Report to Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

7 November 2023

Subject:	Complaints and Allegations Update
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1 Recommendations

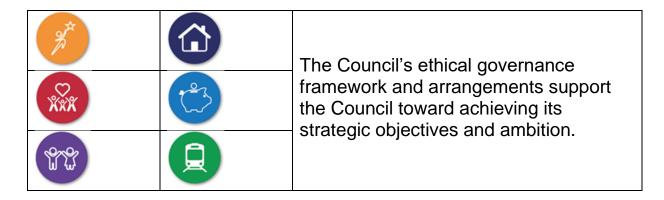
1.1 That the update position on complaints received under the Councillor code of conduct be received.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

2.1 The report provides an update on the activity of the Council's Monitoring Officer in relation to complaints received under the Councillor Code of Conduct arrangements.



3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?



4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 The Committee has oversight of the Council's ethical governance framework and arrangements for dealing with complaints received under the Code of Conduct in relation to elected Members.
- 4.2 The table at Appendix A provides an update position on complaints received under the code of conduct.

5 Alternative Options

5.1 None – the report is provided for information.

6 Implications

Resources:	The Council is required to ensure that sufficient resources are provided to the Monitoring Officer in order that they are able to exercise their statutory functions.				
Legal and	The Local Government Act 2000 and Localism Act				
Governance:	2011 make provision for the arrangements for dealing				
	with standards related matters.				
Risk:	The Council must have in place, arrangements for dealing with matters relating to the conduct of elected members. These are regularly reviewed in line with the best practice recommendations of the Committee for Standards in Public Life				



Equality:	There are no direct equality implications arising from
	this report.
Health and	There are no direct health and wellbeing implications
Wellbeing:	arising from this report.
Social Value	There are no direct social value implications arising
	from this report.
Climate	There are no direct climate change implications
Change	arising from this report.

7. Appendices

Complaints Update

8. Background Papers

None.



Appendix A

Case Ref	Complainant	Code Provisions/ Ground for complaint	Date received and progress to date	Deadline Red: Amber: Green:	Outcome	Learning identified
1. MC190223-a	Member of the Public	It is alleged that the subject member has breached the code of conduct by failing to declare an interest. Potential breaches of the members code of conduct 9.1	Received on 19 th February 2023. Breach of Code found and dealt with via local resolution.	Green	Breach found. Training provided to member	Training provided to member.
2. MC190223-b	Member of the Public	It is alleged that the subject member has breached the code of conduct. Potential breaches of the members code of conduct 1.1, 5.1	Received on 19 th February 2023. No further action taken.	Green	No breach of Code of Conduct.	
3. MC030623	Member of the Public	It is alleged that the subject member has breached the code of conduct. Potential breaches of the members code of conduct 1.1, 5.1	Received on 3 rd June 2023.	Green	Subject Member not acting in capacity of Cllr – Code therefore not applicable	



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4. MC050623	Anonymous	It is alleged that the subject member has breached the code of conduct. Potential breaches of the members code of conduct 1.1, 5.1	Preliminary assessment undertaken by the Monitoring Officer on 12 th June 2023. Not a valid complaint and therefore not progressed to Stage 1. Matter closed.	Green	Not valid complaint. NFA	
5. MC120723	Member of the Public	It is alleged that the subject member has breached the code of conduct. Potential breaches of the members code of conduct 1.1, 5.1	Received on 12 th July 2023. Initial Assessment conducted. No breach of Member's Code of Conduct. Matter closed 14 th August 2023	Green	No breach of Code of Conduct.	Advice and guidance provided on use of social media
6. MC200723	Member of the Public	It is alleged that the subject member has breached the code of conduct. Potential breaches of the members code of conduct 1.1, 5.1	Received on 20 th July 2023. Initial Assessment completed.	Green	Subject member not acting in capacity of Cllr – Code therefore not applicable	
7. MC220823	Member of the Public	It is alleged that the subject member has breached the code of conduct. Potential breaches of the members code of conduct 1.1,1.2	Received 22 nd August 2023. Matter closed as complaint was withdrawn on 28 th August 2023	Green	Complaint was withdrawn on 28 th August 2023	N/A



ing identified		Outcome	Deadline Red: Amber: Green:	Date received and progress to date	Code Provisions/ Ground for complaint	Complainant	Case Ref
	N t	Local Resolution agreed on 27 October 2023. Resolution to be implemented.	Green	Received on 21 st August 2023. Initial Assessment completed. Local Resolution agreed.	It is alleged that the subject member has breached the code of conduct. Potential breaches of the members code of conduct	Member of the Public	8. MC210823
	N k	on 27 October 2023. Resolution to be		2023. Initial Assessment completed. Local	member has breached the code of conduct. Potential breaches of the		8. MC210823

